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SUBJECT: FY 79 COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM (CCP)

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1. STATE AND COMMERCE SOON WILL BE SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL CCP COUNTRIES REGARDING PREPARATION OF FY 79 CCP'S. IN VIEW OF THE PESSIMISTIC FORECASTS FOR THE ZAIRIAN ECONOMY DURING THE NEXT YEAR OR SO, WE ARE CONSIDERING CHANGING THE STATUS OF ZAIRE IN FY 1979 FROM CCP TO COMMERCIAL ACTION PROGRAM (CAP). BEFORE DOING SO WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE POST'S VIEWS.

2. A DESCRIPTION OF THE CAP AND A PROPOSED FORMAT WAS SENT TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS BY THE DEPARTMENT'S A-1111 OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARCH 15, 1977. COUNTRIES FOR WHICH A CCP IS MOST APPROPRIATE ARE THOSE WHERE THERE IS A GOOD POTENTIAL FOR EXPANDED US EXPORTS IN THE PERIOD COVERED AND A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. IF THERE IS A LITTLE POTENTIAL FOR EXPANDED EXPORTS DURING THE PERIOD AND A CORRESPONDING LOW LEVEL OF COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS, A CAP IS MORE APPROPRIATE. AS WITH A CCP, THE CAP

ESTABLISHES PRIORITY OBJECTIVES AND ALLOCATES THE POST'S

RESOURCES IN THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THOSE OBJECTIVES.

3. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY IN CAP/CCP SYSTEM TO PERMIT SHIFTS BETWEEN THESE TWO APPROACHES TO PROGRAM AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TO REFLECT CHANGING LOCAL CONDITIONS. WE WOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, RECOMMEND CONTINUED CAP OR SHIFT BACK TO CCP STATUS FOR FY 1980. IN ANY CASE, POST SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT IN SPRING OF 1978 ITS RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CAMPAIGN ACTIONS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES SINCE THIS WILL BE FIRST STEP IN BOTH FY 79 CAP AND FY 80 CCP PREPARATIONS CYCLE.

4. SINCE THE POST HAS NOT AS YET RECEIVED THE ZAIRE CCP FOR FY 1978, WE SUGGEST, IF POST AGREES, THAT IT CONSIDER THE DRAFT FY-78 CCP WHICH IT IS ALREADY IMPLEMENTING, AS A CAP INSTEAD. THIS WOULD ELIMINATE NEED FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND REPORTS TO THE WASHINGTON COMMERCIAL ACTION GROUP DURING THE YEAR. VANCE

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